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Meet Mabel

This neglected little girl found
her happy forever thanks to you.
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Second Beach Survivor

Mabel, a Bluetick Coonhound, was found emaciated, with severe muscle wasting, sores, and scars all over her body at Second Beach in Middletown. Our team created a comprehensive plan to help her get healthy. The plan included a nutritious diet, regular medical check-ups, and a behavior modification plan.

Our veterinary team created a feeding schedule that allowed Mabel to eat small, frequent meals throughout the day, which helped her body absorb the nutrients she needed without getting sick from overeating. She was also provided with regular medical check-ups and closely monitored to ensure she gained weight.

Mabel's behavior was quite challenging. She was obsessed with food, linked to her past experiences. In a foster home, she would search for food for hours, attempt to escape through windows, and become focused on cupboards and the refrigerator's ice machine. Our staff knew Mabel needed a specialized behavior modification plan to help her feel safe in a home environment.

Over time, our team's plan for Mabel showed promising results. She became more comfortable with people, approached them voluntarily, and learned to take treats from their hands gently. After four months in our care, we found the perfect home for her.

Mabel's new family had the patience and understanding to help her overcome her anxiety and obsession. With time, she settled into her new environment and became a much more relaxed and contented dog. Mabel's story is a reminder of the resilience and strength of animals who have been through challenging times. **With patience, love, and the right care, animals can overcome their challenges and find a happy and fulfilling life. The support of our community made it possible to provide the veterinary and behavioral care Mabel needed to start her new life.**



B-Mod Grads:

Our Behavior Team supports our animals by ensuring that both our shelter animals and animals in our foster homes receive enrichment and behavior training. By supporting their mental well being — and with the help of generous donors — dozens of dogs and cats “graduated” from the B-Mod program in 2023. Dogs and cats like Stoli and Riley got the expert training they needed to blossom and transform.



Riley

Riley is a cat with a history of severe biting towards his previous owner, which made him a challenging case for the behavior team. However, with the help of our medical team, it was discovered that Riley was hard of hearing, which explained his tendency to react aggressively when startled or surprised. Once we made accommodations to ensure Riley was not caught off guard, he quickly became a loving and affectionate feline. Eventually, Riley found his new home with a wonderful family, and even gained a dog friend! Riley's success story serves as a reminder that with patience, understanding, and the right support, even cats with challenging issues can thrive in loving homes.



Stoli

Stoli was found as a stray with no previous history. A beautiful but exuberant dog, Stoli needed a lot of guidance and structure. One of the biggest challenges she faced was her tendency to use her mouth to get what she wanted. This behavior had to be modified through a combination of positive reinforcement and training. However, Stoli's good nature and ability to get along with other dogs were major assets in her rehabilitation. She slowly learned to trust people and became more confident in her interactions with them. With a lot of support, Stoli became a well-behaved and loving dog who found a loving family after four months in our care.

Mighty Mouse

Mouse is a beautiful all-white 9-year-old cat who loves exploring novel places with her mom. They once went on a road trip, taking in all the sights and sounds. Mouse loved every moment, from the fresh air to the new smells.

But upon their return home, Mouse's mom noticed that Mouse was not her usual self. She had stopped eating and began vomiting excessively. Her mom grew increasingly worried and knew that something was wrong. However, she knew that an emergency veterinarian was out of reach financially.

Feeling helpless and distraught, Mouse's mom called our Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic (PIN) for help. There, Mouse was diagnosed with elevated kidney values, and our veterinarian informed her mom that providing around-the-clock life-saving fluids was crucial to Mouse's recovery.

Despite the financial constraints, Mouse's mom knew she had to do everything she could to save her beloved companion. With Mouse's guarded prognosis, she made the decision to provide the life-saving fluids that Mouse needed, even though it meant sacrificing her own needs and comfort.

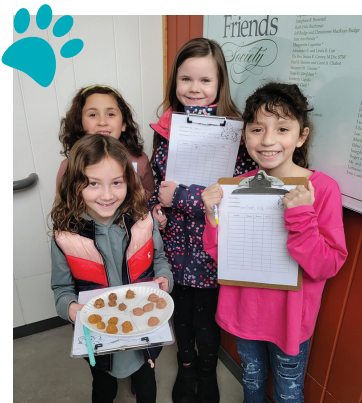
For the next few days, Mouse's mom made sure that Mouse received the treatment she needed to recover. It was a difficult and emotional time, but her love for Mouse kept her going. She stayed by Mouse's side, comforting her and giving her all the love and care she could offer.

Slowly but surely, Mouse began to show signs of improvement. Her appetite returned, and she stopped vomiting. Her mom's decision to provide life-saving treatment had paid off, and Mouse was on the road to recovery.

Mouse's mom was filled with a sense of gratitude and joy. She knew that the bond between her and Mouse was unbreakable, and she would do anything to protect her furry companion. Thanks to your support, our team could provide Mouse with exactly what she needed, and now Mouse's future is bright.



Building a Community of Kind Children for a Better Tomorrow



The Potter League for Animals has introduced a new program called the "Morning Mutts Club" that caters to children between the ages of 5 and 12. The program aims to teach children how to care for animals humanely while also emphasizing the importance of taking care of the environment around them. The program runs Saturday mornings and includes various activities, such as interactive games, making dog treats, catnip toys, mouse mazes, and bunny huts. The Morning Mutts Club is designed to create a community of kind and compassionate children who will grow up to be caring adults.

The Potter League also offers a similar program called "Morning Pups" for children between the ages of two and four. The Morning Pups program is designed to provide age-appropriate activities that introduce young children to the world of animals and the environment around them. The program lets the children become safely acclimated around a therapy dog, allowing them to meet the dog safely, learn about its body language, and gain positive experiences, with story time and interactive games that help the children express their love for animals and nature. The Morning Pups program aims to lay the foundation for a lifelong love of animals and nature.

The Morning Mutts Club and Morning Pups programs at the Potter League for Animals are a fantastic way to introduce children to the world of animals. By providing interactive and engaging activities, these programs help children develop a love and respect for the natural world around them. **These programs create a community of kind and compassionate children who will go on to make a positive impact on the world around them. With these programs, the Potter League for Animals is shaping the future by inspiring the next generation of animal lovers.**



Forever Friends Society: A Legacy of Hope for Animals

The Potter League's Forever Friends Society embodies hope, made possible by the generosity of kind-hearted individuals who have chosen to include the League in their estate plans. Their visionary support has brought immense emotional and financial stability, guaranteeing the League's long-term success and allowing us to be at the forefront of responding to the evolving needs of animals and communities. The impact of their selfless actions is immeasurable, for their legacy of compassion and care will forever touch the lives of countless animals in need, creating a brighter tomorrow for all those who need the Potter League.

For information on becoming a Forever Friends Society member, please call our Chief Philanthropy Officer, Liz Isdale, at (401) 846-0592 or email Lisdale@potterleague.org.



Let's Connect!

Interested in learning how the Potter League's corporate business program can help save lives and elevate your business? [Contact our Development Team at 401-846-0592 or development@potterleague.org.](mailto:development@potterleague.org)

Save the Dates

Yappy Hour

Sunday, July 16 at The Waves

Forever Friends Society Reception

Thursday, August 17 at Greenvale Vineyards

Cars & Coffee

Pawdrain Sunday, September 10 at Fort Adams North Lawn

Heart & Sole Walk for Animals

Sunday, October 22 at Fort Adams State Park



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